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Yes, THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST marches on. Here in brief is what happened. The printing house, nearly a century old, which had printed the magazine since its inception, was closed by its new owners on February 7th without advance notice to its customers, and the employees were discharged on one day's notice. The following day the editor was seized with an acute ailment and hospitalized. Following his recovery, it was learned that the type for the April magazine, nearly ready for printing, had been sent to a New York house for completion.

Delays ensued, making it impossible to include the volume index in the April issue, which finally was mailed without the index late in May.

Printing estimates were obtained from three firms. One was three times the price we have been paying, another was still higher. The lowest was more than twice the old price. But these prices were not complete, and extra charges and author's changes would have made the actual cost even greater. Some subscribers wrote expressing a willingness to pay an increased subscription price, but they did not realize that to cover the outrageous printing estimates we should have to raise the price of the magazine to at least $14.00.

We are not increasing the price; it remains $6.00. We shall print about the same amount of material as before. It will be done by the lithoprinting process, and handled by an experienced firm which does such work for college text-books and for the Library of Congress. But so much time had been lost that, in order to gain time to prepare articles for this process, it became necessary to skip July and October.

Volume XXIV will begin with the January 1948 issue, instead of with July 1947. Subscribers who have made payment in whole or in part for this volume will receive the number of issues to which they are entitled. If you have not renewed, please do so now.

We ask you to uphold our efforts at this difficult time. It would have been easier to drop the magazine entirely. It has been astonishing, the protests we received from a number of subscribers who learned of our recent trials—one wrote it would be a calamity to discontinue it, and several praised it so highly that our ears still burn. We shall do our best to merit your continued support. Mistakes will be made, but we ask you to bear with them until we have become familiar with the new techniques which lithoprinting requires.

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Two lines were dropped off the bottom of this page by the New York printers who completed the April issue, although they appear in the page-proof which the editor read. Please note and add, relative to Simon Sackett who married Mary Walhill, after "He died in 1747"—"and she in 1748; children: Mary, Rebecca, Sarah." Below this should appear the attribution to the contributor of the note: Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.